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Army Deploys Integrated Post Deployment Health Assessment Capabilities
MC4 Leads Fielding, Training and Support Mission for PDHA and CAC Requirements

Fort Detrick, Md., **June 1, 2006** – Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) Product Management Office (PMO) released a new electronic Post Deployment Health Assessment (ePDHA) software application that will enable deployed medical professionals to meet Presidential and Congressional directives set forth in Title 10 – requiring the assessment of all Service members' medical conditions following deployment.

Deployed medical units in OIF and OEF will begin using MC4's ePDHA via MC4 laptops and handhelds. MC4 PMO, the Surgeon General's war fighter IT fielder, assumed responsibility of the ePDHA technology to more efficiently support and sustain the application on existing MC4 systems gaining widespread use throughout theater.

Key to standardizing business processes and streamlining integration, MC4's version 1.4.2.4 software upgrade includes the ActivCard Gold application, which provides all MC4 users with Common Access Card (CAC) authentication capability – a requirement recently made a top priority by Army officials.

MC4's ePDHA application will provide deployed medical forces at all levels of care the ability to record post deployment health assessment.

"MC4's rollout of ePDHA not only standardizes the hardware but it reduces the costs of supplemental equipment needed to meet the PDHA effort," said LTC Edward Clayson, MC4 Product Manager. Currently, MEDPROS' PDHA application requires the use of smart cards and compact flash cards, but both will be supplanted in mid-June when MC4 PMO completes both OIF and OEF training efforts to transition units to MC4's ePDHA application.

"By adding PDHA functionality, MC4 systems continue to become what the Surgeon General has envisioned – the implementing technology offering deployed forces the full spectrum of force health protection," Clayson said. "The PDHA initiative plays a critical role in our mission by helping to create a comprehensive, life-long medical record for all Service members."

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) develops, fields and supports a medical information management system for Army tactical medical forces, enabling a comprehensive, life-long electronic medical record for all service members, and enhancing medical situational awareness for operational commanders. Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Md., MC4 is under the oversight of the Army Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) at Fort Belvoir, Va.
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